**Shining or Stinking Web Health Resources-You be the Judge! C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\8XA3CPEJ\MC900052960[1].wmf**

As you search for health information on the web, remember that anyone can post information online. You need to be sure that you are getting the best information. Use this worksheet to help you evaluate the websites you find. Are they shining examples of valid online information or are they stinking examples of information that should be rejected?

Name of Website: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Website URL: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Criteria | C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4ZW3K5MT\MC900432613[1].pngShining because… | C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\8XA3CPEJ\MC900052960[1].wmfStinking because… |
| Authority/Author   * Who created this information or is in charge of this site? * Can you contact them? How? * What is the domain name of the site? (.com, .edu, .org, .gov, .net) |  |  |
| Timeliness   * Is the website/information up-to-date? * Is the publication or copyright date indicated? * Are the links current and working? |  |  |
| Objectivity/Purpose   * What is the purpose of this site?   + Inform you, persuade you, entertain you, or sell you something (Is there a shopping cart?) * Is there a mission statement? * Are advertisements included? Are they clearly marked? Do they blend in with the information? |  |  |
| Relevance/Coverage   * Does this website provide adequate information on my topic? |  |  |

Handout inspired by <http://teams.lacoe.edu/documentation/classrooms/gayle/evaluate/evaluate.pdf>, <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/webeval/webeval.html>, <http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic32.htm>, <http://fayette.k12.in.us/~cbeard/jp/rubric.html>.